

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. By this response, claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 11, 16 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Kahn et al. (US 2004/0004663) in view of Asami (US 6,882,350) and claims 1, 3-5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Loui et al. (US 6,636,648), Wilcock et al. (US 6,741,864) and Asami; and claims 2, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Loui, Wilcock, Asami and Kino (US 6,832,101). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 recite *inter alia*, classifying the image data set as one of a vacation album or specific theme album according the result of judgment; attaining from a storage device and a map data base, additional data associated with the classification made for the image data set and generating the album data according to the result of classification of the image data set and the additional data. Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of 1) Kahn, and Asami and 2) Wilcock, Loui and Asami fail to teach these features.

Kahn teaches calculating a distance between photography locations of an image data set and a reference position in classifying the image data set based on the information related to the photography location and/or the calculated distance. Kahn, however, does not teach or suggest classifying the image data set as recited by Applicants and attaining additional information based on that classification in generating an album based on the image data set from the classification and the additional data.

Further, Asami fails to remedy the deficiency of Kahn. Asami is provided to teach features associated with displaying both map data and travel routes on a screen. Further, Asami fails to teach or suggest the above noted claim features.

Further, Loui teaches classifying an image data set based on information regarding a photography location. However, although Loui classifies the images based on location, Loui fails to teach or suggest classifying the image data set as one of a vacation or a specific themed album and also attaining additional information associated with the classification of the generation of the album which includes the image data set as classified and the additional data. The mere classification of the image data set by Loui does not teach or suggest the generation of the album as claimed in independent claim 1, 6, 11 and 16.

Further, Wilcock and Asami fail to render the deficiencies of Loui. Wilcock teaches a system in which photos taken by a camera are stamped with location and time data. The location data and photos are downloaded onto a computer where the computer organizes the images based on a time stamp and a location associated with the images. Further, Asami, as discussed above, discloses displaying travel route and map data together. However, neither Wilcock nor Asami teach or suggest classifying the image data set as one of a vacation album or specific theme album and attaining additional information based on the classification in generating the album which include the image set and the additional data.

Finally, Kino is provided to teach aspects of the dependent claims and fails to remedy the deficiencies of Kahn, Asami, Loui and Wilcock.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Kahn and Asami in the combination of Wilcock, Loui and Asami fail to teach each feature of independent claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 as required. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

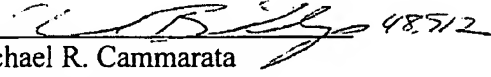
Further to reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-25 are distinguishable over the cited art. Consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings, Reg. No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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